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William Ferrin Whitaker

William Ferrin Whitaker passed away in Provo on April 21, 1998, surrounded by members of his family.

Born Aug. 13, 1905, in Beaver, to Orson and Clara Fotheringham Whitaker, and spent his boyhood in Kanosh, Heber, Brigham City, and Beaver. In 1926, he married Martha Elizabeth Bassett in the Salt Lake Temple and they moved to Chicago where he studied at the Art Institute, going on to a successful career, first as award-winning art director for Montgomery Ward, later heading his own advertising art studio. He retired in 1949 to pursue painting full-time in La Jolla, CA, but in 1951 he was drawn back to Utah where, with his brothers and families, he renovated Schneitter's Hot Pots, the old resort where he had swum as a boy, renaming it The Homestead. The resort was sold in 1972 and he and his wife retired to Provo. Throughout his business career, he continued to pursue his art, and became noted for his fluid portrayals of horses. His paintings were exhibited and sold at galleries in Carmel, Los Angeles,

Scottsdale, and Salt Lake City. Member of the Carmel Art Association, and his work hangs in the Utah State Art Collection. Ferrin served his church and its auxiliaries in many capacities, and all his life he was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and grandfather, loved to the end for his warmth, humor and generosity.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters and five brothers. Survivors include Martha, his beloved wife of 72 years; son, William Ferrin Jr. and wife Sandra, Provo; daughters, Orma Claire and husband Rod Peterson, Santa Fe, NM, Connie and husband Anthony Jacobs, Glencoe, IL, and Susan Kohler, Riverside, CA, 14 grand-children and 21 great-grandchildren, brother Jack Whitaker, Salt Lake City, numerous nieces and nephews, and close family friend, Nancy Carlson.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 24, in the Berg Drawing Room Chapel in Provo. Interment was in the Midway City Cemetery.